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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *18 February 2009*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-19* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-19* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to the amendment files 02/18/09. Claims 1-19 are pending. Currently no claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scott (US 6,522,642 B1) in view of Upton et al. (US 6,396,801).

Regarding claims 1-4 and 12, Scott discloses, in figs. 2 and 4, an apparatus for processing N number of input signals having a common frequency, said apparatus comprising:

at least N-1 number of serrodyne (also known **single sideband generator**) modulators (column 4, lines 12-13; 17-25) for modulating N-1 of said N number of input signals into N-1 number of modulated signals (column 3, lines 34-47);

a combiner for combining said modulated signals along with one non-modulated signal into an aggregate signal (column 4, lines 32-35);

N-1 number of demodulators for demodulating said aggregate signal, each said demodulator corresponding to one of said modulators (column 6, lines 1-6; column 13, lines 16-25); and

N number of duplexer filters each corresponding to one of said N number of input signals (column 4, line 65-column 15, line11);

wherein said demodulators, and said duplexer filters, are arranged so as to pass N number of demodulated portions of said aggregate signal to a corresponding output and each of said demodulated portions being substantially identical to one of said N number of input signals

(column 4, line 65-column 15, line11). Scott, further, discloses that the combined signal output form the summer 151 is transmitted along the backhaul cable 152. The backhaul signal may be made suitable for transmission over a coaxial cable, fiber optic cable, or other type of transmission media using techniques known in the art (column 4, lines 33-43).

Scott does not disclose number of circulators for receiving at least part of aggregate signal and single Radio Frequency output.

Upton, in Figs. 7-9, teaches number of circulators for receiving at least part of aggregate signal (column 10, lines 44-62).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add a plurality of circulators, such as suggested by Upton, to the system of Scott in order to provide a more efficient and increased performance communication system (see summary).

Upton, further, teaches that waveform 206 may be transmitted as either an optical or an RF waveform (column 10, lines 50-51).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute an RF output, such as that suggested by Upton, to the backhaul cable of Scott in order to route a high frequency signal between a radio transmitter and antennas.

Regarding claim 5, Scott discloses the apparatus wherein said length of cabling spans at least a portion of an antenna structure (column 9, lines 20-28).

Regarding claim 6, Scott discloses the apparatus, further including a plurality of amplifiers each located such that said input signals pass through a respective one of said plurality

of amplifiers prior to passing through said at least N-1 number of modulators (column 3, lines 7-11; column 4, lines 35-40).

Regarding claims 7, 13 and 14, Scott discloses the apparatus wherein said input signals are forward link transmissions and said plurality of amplifiers are high power amplifiers (column 4, lines 35-40; column 6, lines 45-51).

Regarding claims 8 and 15, Scott discloses the apparatus wherein said input signals are reverse link transmissions and said pluralities of amplifiers are low power preamplifiers (column 6, lines 45-51).

Regarding claims 9 and 16, Scott discloses the apparatus wherein said input signals are forward link transmissions and said apparatus further includes a single high power amplifier for amplifying said aggregate signal, said high power amplifier located between said combiner and said length of cabling (column 6, lines 45-51).

Regarding claims 10 and 17, Scott discloses the apparatus wherein said serrodyne modulators are low loss, high power RF frequency translators (column 4, lines 5-31).

Regarding claims 11 and 18, Scott discloses the apparatus wherein said serrodyne modulators operate via a modulation scheme using multi-bit Serrodynes (column 4, lines 12-13; 17-25; column 8, lines 14-29).

Regarding claim 19, Scott discloses an apparatus for processing N number of modulated, combined, and amplified input signals having a common frequency, said apparatus comprising:

a demodulator for demodulating an amplified aggregate signal consisting of said input signals, said demodulator including (column 6, lines 1-6; column 13, lines 16-25),

N-1 number of serrodyne demodulators (column 5, lines 54-64) for demodulating said aggregate signal (column 11, lines 1-25); and

N number of duplexer filters each corresponding to one of said N number of input signals (column 4, line 65-column 15, line11);

wherein said demodulators, and said duplexer filters are arranged so as to pass N number of demodulated portions of said aggregate signal to a corresponding output, each of said demodulated portions being substantially identical to one of said N number of input signals (column 4, line 65-column 15, line11).

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Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SABA TSEGAYE whose telephone number is (571)272-3091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30-5:00), First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on (571) 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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